

# Holy Family Parish Timaru



St Thomas the Apostle Church  
12 Mountain View Road  
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Sacred Heart Basilica  
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

21 March 2021

Today's Mass offers us great hope. The Old Testament looks forward to a new bond between God and humanity, and Jesus speaks of himself as the grain of wheat dying to produce an abundant life-giving harvest for all people. We listen to these words of promise in the knowledge that we are nourished by living Bread made from the wheat grain which died and rose.

### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (Jeremiah 31:33-34).  
The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.



Second Reading (Hebrews 5:7-9).  
Through his obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life for us.

Gospel (John 12:20-33).  
In his death Jesus will be glorified and this will bring life to those who follow him.

### "Are you a philosopher?"

Two men went up in a hot-air balloon one May morning. Suddenly they were enveloped by clouds and lost track of where they were. They drifted for what seemed like hours.

Finally the cloud parted, and they spotted a man below them on the ground. "Where are we?" one of the passengers hollered down. The man on the ground looked around, looked up at the balloon, looked around some more and then yelled back, "You're in a balloon." The two balloonists looked at one another and then one of them yelled down again, "Are you a philosopher?" "Yes," the man hollered up from below. The other balloonist said, "How did you know he was a philosopher?" His friend replied, "No one else could give an answer so quickly that's so logical and yet tells you so little about where you are and where you want to be!"

Jesus was not a philosopher. He did deal in paradox which is a favourite tool of philosophers in seeking truth. Yet, he had a way of using the simplest examples from daily life to make plain the truth of his paradoxes. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the paradox: "We must die if we want to live."

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### PARISH OFFICE

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### New Parishioners to Holy Family Parish

A warm welcome is offered to you. Make yourself known to one of the priests, or fill out this slip and place it in the collection basket or post to: Holy Family Parish, 12 Mountain View Road, Timaru.

Name (Mr/Mrs) .....

Address: .....

Phone .....

Email Address .....

#### Require:

Planned Giving envelopes:

Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Yes/No

Automatic Payments: Yes/No

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

**RITE II RECONCILIATION** - Wednesday  
24 March, 7.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica.

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

**CHRISM MASS:** St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 7.30pm  
Monday.

**HOLY THURSDAY:**  
7.00pm St Thomas' Church

**GOOD FRIDAY:**  
10.00am Stations of the Cross,  
Sacred Heart  
3.00pm Passion of Our Lord Jesus  
Christ,  
Sacred Heart Basilica.

**EASTER VIGIL:**  
8.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica  
(Daylight Saving ends)

**EASTER SUNDAY:**  
9.00am Sacred Heart Basilica  
10.30am St Thomas Church

**NO 5.00pm Mass**



Don't forget it is **Palm Sunday** next weekend.

**BAPTISM** preparation meeting, this Tuesday 23 March in Holy Family Parish Centre at Sacred Heart at 7.00pm.

New "spray on" lawns were completed behind the garage and around the rose bed beside the Basilica last week. The cost was \$850.00. Two parishioners (who happen to be good pianists) have donated \$200.00 each and we would be most grateful if all who love gardens, could help with the remainder of the bill! Place your donation with PG number in the collection basket. Grateful thanks.

**Sacred Heart School** are selling cheese rolls as their fundraiser. Order forms available in church porches at Sacred Heart.

Our Parish Council is looking at ways for Improving and encouraging family Mass attendance. Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SYSHHR> to gauge reasons for non-attendance at Mass and ways we may improve.

**NZ Catholic** - some headlines:  
Cardinal offers Church support for vaccination programme.  
Theologian says to bin anti-Catholic booklet.  
Three new seminarians at Holy Cross.  
Don't bury St Joseph statues to help real estate sales.

**MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:**

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Williamson, Patricia Keeper,

**Anniversaries:** 19/3 Frank Fitzgerald, 23/3 Helen Patricia Brosnahan, Sean Conlan, 28/3 John O'Neill,

**Other Intentions:** Decd members Brosnahan, Scully, Fitzgerald, Flanagan & O'Neill Families.



## MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Mon, Wed,	9.00am Sacred Heart
Tues & Thur	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	<b>9.00am St Thomas'</b>
Friday	9.45am Sacred Heart - Roncalli Mass
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

**A Funeral Mass** will replace the scheduled Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

## PARISH DIARY

Monday 22 March

**EUCHRE:** 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

**ROSARY** 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

**MEN'S GROUP** 7.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge, all men welcome.

Tuesday 23 March

**MAINLY MUSIC** in St Thomas' Lounge 9.30am. All pre-school children welcome.

**EUCHRE** held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.00pm.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING** in HFP Centre at Sacred Heart, 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 March

**LENTEN Reflection Programme** 'A New Way Forward' 9.30am after Mass at Sacred Heart.

**RECONCILIATION** in Sacred Heart Basilica at 7.00pm.

Thursday 25 March

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7.30pm in HFP Centre.

Friday 26 March

**PRAYER GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 10.00am.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 5.30pm in Sacred heart Basilica Walk along with the Lord.

**RONCALLI COLLEGE MASS** 9.45am in Sacred Heart.

**ATTENDANCE DUES** for our Catholic Primary Schools have increased this year making it difficult for some parents to afford. Attendance dues for one child are **\$103 per term or \$412.00 for the year**. If you are able to help with a donation to assist a struggling family please place it in a marked envelope in the collection basket next Sunday or drop into the Parish office. Donations of \$5.00 or more will be accepted. Many thanks for the gifts.



**ST PATRICK'S NIGHT** celebrations went very well. Many thanks to the Organisers, musicians, entertainers and singers.

Put the day in your diary for next year!

Thanks for the parish support in attending the Agatha Christie "Witness for the Prosecution". A Big thank you to the ladies who supplied the nibbles and Mark on the drinks table.

Passion Sunday — 28 March 2021  
Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47.